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TEAMSTERS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 69 DECLARES VAST ORGANIZATION DRIVE IN CENTRAL INDIANA



Hess Lobbies for Legislation Good for Labor and Truckers

Pat Hess, whose eyes haven't been off the hopper of the Indiana General Assembly from the beginning of its 86th session, told the Indiana Conference of Teamsters on February 18 about the two bills passed by the General Assembly in all its weeks of deliberation, up to that time.

These were an appropriation act, to pay expenses of the Legislature, and the goat bill.

"Believe it or not," he said, "our elected law makers,

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Teamsters (188) On Strike at Banquet Milk Co. Plant

Teamsters Local 188 is on strike against the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co., at 1214 Southeastern avenue, Indianapolis and is picketing the plant, informing all friends of organized labor not to buy Banquet products.

The strike was called February 18 by President C. E. Davis to force the company to recognize the union as bargaining agent for 110 employees; also to reinstate several employees whom the management has fired for union activities.

The picket line includes some of these discharged employees, business representatives of Local 188 and also officials of other unions of Central Indiana who have voted full support to Davis in this controversy.

Of the 110 employees involved, about half are drivers and the others inside workers. The drivers are being required by the management to distribute circulars, denouncing the strike and the union.

Most of the drivers, however, are anxious to become organized, according to Davis, and are biding their time until the time seems right for them to walk out and join the strike.

Affidavits made by a number of strikers read:

We, the undersigned employees of the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co., at 1214 Southeastern avenue, Indianapolis, are now engaged in picketing the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co., because we have authorized the Team-

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Mass Meeting Of Teamsters In Indianapolis

Full support of the organization drive in Central Indiana by Teamsters Joint Council 69 was voted January 30 by business representatives of all locals in the Council. Shown in the picture above (front row) are members of the Joint Council's executive board and H. G. Zolg, International organizer and president of the State Conference of Teamsters.

In this row are (left to right): Edward T. Carlson and Fred Marshall, trustees; Leo Bauer, vice-president; O. B. Chambers, president; E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer; Glen Rabanus, trustee; Mr. Zolg and Bert Wheat, recording secretary.

Below is the organizing and grievance committee.

Chambers Calls Extra Sessions to Plan Membership Campaign

Teamsters Joint Council 69, embracing all local unions of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Central Indiana, from Muncie to Clinton, has launched a vast organizing campaign.

Within one week after representatives of all the locals had returned from a general organizing meeting in Chicago, the Executive Board and Organizing and Grievance Committee of the Joint Council was meeting, January 29, in the Antlers Hotel, Indianapolis.

At this all-day meeting, called by President O. B. Chambers, of Local 759, Kokomo, seven recommendations were made, for consideration at a general meeting called for the next day.

Approximately 80 delegates from all locals of the Joint Council attended the special session and approved the recommendations.

Locals represented by full executive boards included: No. 759, Kokomo; No. 369, Muncie; No. 691, Richmond; No. 144, Terre Haute; No. 73, Clinton, and No. 543 Lafayette and Nos. 135, 233, 716, 188 and 193 Indianapolis.

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Much Politikan Needed

The Supreme Court has ruled unanimously that there is nothing in the Constitution to prevent an anti-labor state legislature from outlawing all forms of union security—closed shop, union shop or maintenance of membership.

The AFL members in the 15 states which presently outlaw union security under so-called "right to work" bills must accept the hard truth that neither the Supreme Court nor the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act can save their unions from eventual destruction.

No union is strong when its members are forced to work with scabs and free riders. A union can't be strong when faced with infiltration by company stooges and communist trouble makers.

Nor can a union exercise effective responsibility in carrying out contract obligations with employers so long as disciplinary control over membership is denied by these laws.

"This Supreme Court decision has taught us a lesson we shall not forget," says Joseph D. Keenan, director of Labor's League for Political Education.

"The trade union movement will be strong only when we have elected at all levels of government public office holders friendly to the interests of the majority of our people. Throughout the next two years, Labor's League for Political Education will carry on a vigorous educational and political program in every state in the union to place in the legislatures men who are committed to the repeal of all anti-labor state laws."

Labor's Political Army

One of the most progressive steps the American Federation of Labor has taken in years is the forming of Labor's League for Political Education and the making of it a permanent part of the Labor movement. We have been a long time learning that we must protect with our vote what we gain with our economic strength.

The enemies of Labor could, with the co-operation of the politicians, tear down in a short time what it took unions years to build up. Labor's first try at politics was a great success. With the experience we gained in this last election, our next effort should be even more successful.

We have learned that this takes organizing and a lot of hard work, but a league of this nature is absolutely necessary in holding the progress we have made. When we think of our strength at the polls, it makes us realize more fully the need for harmony in the Labor movement. —From International Molders' and Foundry Workers' Journal.

The Poor House Lobby

The Real Estate Lobby demands an end to Rent Control and is opposed to the passage of any legislation by the 81st Congress that will result in the building of more houses.

One of its members has constructed a motto for the lobby. It is as follows:

"POOR PEOPLE BELONG IN POOR HOUSES."

"Disaster" Says Taft

"If the President carries out all his promises, we will have a completely socialized state." Thus spoke labor-baiting Senator Taft on the American Forum of the Air, January 4.

His great grand daddy probably said the same thing about public schools for workers' children.

Hess On Job at Assembly

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with all the important business before them, have had time only to enrich our statute books by one decisive action—Indiana's new Goat Law."

(This law includes goats among farm animals which must be kept off public highways or other people's property by their owners. Some of the Democratic members voted for it in the mistaken idea that it referred to old goats like Lotahir Teetor.—Ed.)

Hess is chairman of the Teamsters' Legislative Committee and represents also the Indiana State Federation of Labor, of which he is vice-president.

In addition to looking out for the interests of labor at all the sessions, Hess has spoken in favor of repealing the utility slave-labor law and also for the passage of Senate Bill 138.

The bill liberalizes the sizes and weights of commercial vehicles permitted on highways of the state.

New Hancock Citation List Is Announced

A revised list of drivers for the Hancock Truck Lines, Inc., Evansville, who have received citations for safe driving has been published in "The Fifth Wheel," official organ of the Indiana Motor Truck Assn., as follows:

William LaRoche, 17 years of driving without a chargeable accident; William Duffey, 15 years; Robert Earl, Herbert Lawson and Marshall Duffey, 14 years; Nicholas Ciampone and William A. Edwards, 13 years; Ralph Adams, Harry Hallmark and Edwin Titzer, 11 years; Leslie Underwood and James Duffey, 10 years; Samuel Coleman, nine years; Bernard Whalen, eight years; Lester Baird, seven years; George Gregory, Russell Linxwiler and William Patmore, six years; Ralph Storm, Al Heffernan, Norman Plump, Carl Comer and Gilford Mattingly, five years; Hollis Carlisle, George Carter and Harris McCloud, four years; David Schluter, Howard Cox, Golden Oakley, Sylvester Schnell, James Buchanan, Omer Samples, William Pullum and Ural Cates, three years; Vearl Pittser, Joe Huddleston, James Holden, James Mauer, Otis Whitler, Henry Davidson, Luther Bruner, Harry Brown and Randall Chinn, two years.

Twenty-five drivers received one-year awards and 18 received six-month awards.

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LOUIS FLOERKE Up to Date with Local No. 188

President C. E. Davis is back on the job, after having been confined to his home with pneumonia for two weeks.

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We have received a letter from Monte Blue, the Hollywood movie star, following the death of his brother, William Blue, who was a member of this local union. Mr. Blue's letter, addressed to President C. E. Davis, is as follows:

Dear Mr. Davis:

I would have written this a lot sooner, but my brother Bill's passing has hit me awfully hard. The full realization that he was gone came to me after I was on the train and leaving for California. And I have had a hard time reconciling myself to the inevitable.

Bill's wife and my dear sister-in-law Edith held up so well, but it has been hard for her to write and so I have taken it upon myself to write you, both for her and myself.

How grand it was for you boys of his Local (No. 188) to act as pall-bearers on his "last trip" and I know from the wonderful comment I heard on all sides that it was a beautiful tribute to one who was so dear, both to his relatives and his fellow workers. Bill was a good Union Man.

So please accept the sincere thanks of both Edith and myself for the very fine part you played in the services for brother Bill.

I shall always remember it and keep a warm spot in my heart for all of you.

In deepest appreciation,

(Signed)

Monte and Edith Blue.

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Mrs. Malcolm Dearing has presented a new baby to her husband, Brother Dearing, of Omar.

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Walter Reed is proud father of a new daughter. He is employed at National Biscuit Co.

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The officers and members of Local 188 express sympathy to Brother LaRue Chance in the illness of Mrs. Chance. He is with the Indiana Condensed Milk Co., Sheridan.

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Brother Palo S. Elliott, of Polk Milk Co., has written this local, in appreciation of assistance given him for his wife, who was ill. He says:

Dear President and Members:

Just a few words of appreciation for what the Union has done for my wife, Mrs. Elliott.

I am not very good in explaining my feelings in letters, but nevertheless, whatever I've said, trying to express my appreciation, I mean it from the bottom of my heart.

May God bless you all and thanks a lot.

Palo S. Elliott.

All Teamsters Locals Urged To Add Maintenance Clauses

A new proposal has been approved by the General Conference of the IBT urging local Teamster unions to claim jurisdiction over all workers employed in the maintenance of equipment operated by their respective members.

The proposal is contained in a letter sent to Teamster locals of Indiana and other states by Gordon Lindsay, executive secretary of the National Automotive, Petroleum and Allied Trades Division of the IBT.

The letter read at the regular February meeting of Joint Council 69, is as follows:

On instructions from Executive Vice-President Dave Beck, and because so many locals are in negotiations at this time, I am sending you the wording of a clause which it is proposed all Local Teamster Unions insert in their new agreements at the earliest possible moment. It is:

"All fueling, cleaning, lubricating, tire or battery services and parts department servicing, and all other services necessary in the maintenance of equipment operated by members of this Local Union shall be performed by members of the Teamsters local having jurisdiction thereof."

At the meeting of the National Automotive, Petroleum and Allied Trades Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, January 19, in Chicago, a resolution was adopted by unanimous vote urging all locals to make use of this provision in their new contracts. This was also approved by the General Conference.

The above clause is for your guidance in taking such steps as seem necessary in protecting our Teamster jurisdiction and in making certain that fleet maintenance workers are members of our Union.

Local 215 Wins Swift Election

EVANSVILLE—Clyde B. Birdsong, head of Teamsters Local No. 215, reports that his organization won a bargaining election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board at the meat packing plant of Swift and Co.

Some 34 drivers employed by the company had previously been members of a CIO union.

SPECIAL NOTICE 716

All members are requested to report to the secretary-treasurer of Local Union No. 716 any change in address or change of beneficiary name for the Insurance Policy.

The secretary-treasurer finds that, in checking the files, he has a lot of old addresses that are not correct and would appreciate the members' help in keeping these files up-to-date.

If you are in doubt about your correct address being on file or if you have moved recently, please fill out the form below and mail to Local Union 716, 28 West North St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Book No. _____
Name _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____
Place of employment _____
Social Sec. No. _____

Big Ed and Little Ed Look-See with 233

Notice to all stewards: Each month there will be a stewards' meeting. This meeting will be the Friday following the regular meeting. Remember, the Friday following the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p. m.

Brother Gil Day, steward at Kingan's, has been off sick for a couple of week. Come on, Gil, wet well!

Brother Fritz Gessler, of Indiana Terminal Cold Storage, is off sick. We hope Brother Gessler a speedy recovery!

Brother Albert Moncrief, of the General Storage at Indiana Terminal, who has been sick for the past six months, passed away. Brother Moncrief had just been back to work a few weeks after being off about five months. The officers and members express sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Moncrief.

Brother Floyd Hix, of Kroger's, has become the father of an 11-pound baby boy. Mrs. Hix and the baby are doing fine. With such a fine big boy Brother Hix should put out two cigars.

Brother Estil Worsham, who had been with Standard Division of National Tea Co. for 17 years, had a bit of tough luck. His wife's condition made it necessary for him move to Colorado. Brother Worsham sold his real estate and told his employer he must leave. The employer went to work and before Brother Worsham left he had a job to go to with National Tea Food Packers of Denver, Colo. We hope Brother Worsham success on his new job and above all we hope a speedy recovery for Mrs. Worsham.

Remember the regular meeting. The first Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p. m., 28 West North St. Come one; come all!

Jaggers Wholesale Grocery Co. and Geo. Hitz & Co. have merged and will operate under the name Geo. Hitz & Co. Both firms were under contract to Local 233. At the expiration of their agreements one contract will be negotiated covering both grocery and produce help. We wish the new company success in the future.

The Stokely Co. drivers' contract and the Wadley Co. contract are still in negotiation.

No, I was not in an accident—just a super A, number one catch in the back. I hope I'll be able to walk without bending over soon. I wish to add I have all my sympathy.—Ed Heffner.

When you talk to your friends and neighbors tell them the advantages of being a union member. If one is not a union member tell him how easy it is to get job security, fair wages and decent working conditions. Tell your steward where your friend works and his name. The organizing committee of Joint Council 69 needs that information. Every member can help make Indiana 100% organized.

Brother Robert Bauer, formerly of Glidden's, is confined to his home. The officers and members hope him a speedy recovery.

Joint Council No. 69 Declares Vast Organization Campaign

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Executive Board members of the Joint Council, additional to President Chambers are, Leo J. Bauer, vice-president; E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer, B. L. Wheat, recording secretary and Glen Rabanus, F. R. Marshall and Edward T. Carlson, trustees.

The Organizing and Grievance Committee comprises the foregoing list of executive officers and in addition, James K. Katz, of Local No. 691, Richmond; Russell Houze and Maurice E. Day, 193, Indianapolis; C. E. Davis, 188, Indianapolis, and D. E. Mahoney, 369, Muncie.

Recommendations made by the Executive Board and unanimously approved by the full meeting were as follows:

1. The Executive Board of Joint Council 69 recommends and orders all Local Unions coming under the jurisdiction of Joint Council 69 to affiliate immediately with Joint Council 69. Passed unanimously.

2. The Policy Committee of Joint Council 69 shall be composed of the Executive Board members of Joint Council. Passed unanimously.

3. The Executive Board of Joint Council 69 recommends that all Local Unions affiliated with Joint Council 69, assisted by this organizing committee be assessed one dollar (\$1.00) per member for all members organized or resulting from organization by this group. Passed unanimously.

4. The Executive Board of Joint Council 69 recommends that it shall be compulsory for each Local Union affiliated with this Joint Council or all future Local Unions within the jurisdiction of this Joint Council to compile a complete record of all members resulting from the activities of the Organizing Committee of Joint Council 69 be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer of Joint Council 69 upon completion of organizing period. Passed unanimously.

The Executive Board and the Organizing Committee made the following additional recommendations, which were also approved by the special meeting:

5. The Executive Board and Organizing Committee recommends that all Local Unions affiliated with Joint Council No. 69 or Local Union who affiliates with Joint Council 69, make a survey of the unorganized people within the jurisdiction of the Local Union and submit a written report to the Executive Board of Joint Council 69 within sixty days, who will then meet with the Organizing Committee and study the report and make recommendations. It is further recommended that the Executive Board be given full authority to enforce the recommendations made by the Executive Board and Organizing Committee regarding assignments to where the Organizing Committee works. Passed unanimously.

6. The Executive Board of Joint Council 69 recommends that all Local Unions affiliated with Joint Council 69 go on record to cooperate on future organizing programs formulated by the Executive Board and the Organizing Committee of Joint Council 69. Passed unanimously.

7. The Executive Board and Joint Committees recommend the

Steve Barnhart Of Kokomo 759 Gets Write-Up

That was a nice article published some time ago in the "Kokomo Tribune" about Steve Barnhart, who has been driving a truck ever since the things were made and now, at 71, is still a member of Teamsters Local 759.

The article, written by M. C. Tull, has been reprinted in the truckers' magazine, "The Fifth Wheel." It says, in part:

Back in the days when no one ever heard of a child labor law or a forty hour week, Stephen Douglas Barnhart, 71, 817 North Main street, Kokomo, started to work at a job which paid him 50 cents a week. Today — 61 years later—he is still working for the same firm.

He was not quite 10 years old when he got that first job which was one of holding horses while trucks were being loaded for a transfer-drayage company owned by George Martin. He worked for Martin for "about 20 years" and then Mr. Martin sold the business to the Becraft Motor Express company owned by Harry Becraft. Barnhart remained on the pay roll and continued to "roll the trucks."



Then in 1943 Paul Tyner bought the Becraft company and Barnhart remained on the pay roll. He is still there and every day he drives a pick-up truck all over Kokomo, collecting packages from the business and industrial houses.

"Steve" is one of the better known men in Kokomo. There is scarcely a business in Kokomo where he is a stranger and "Steve," because he likes his job, does good work and is a valuable employee.

He says "I've sort of got used to it by now" and he grins happily when told he probably has held a job with the same firm longer than anyone in the area he covers each day. He started on the job at 50 cents a week and when he had worked up to \$18 a week he was driving the pick-up truck in the daytime and rolling a "big job" to Indianapolis at night.

He drove one of the first trucks in Kokomo. "It was an old friction drive affair," he said. "I've forgotten the name of it, but I was mighty proud of it then. Had plenty of grief with it, but we made the trips somehow. Now I can do twice as much in my little truck and never have to worry. They sure make better trucks these days."

REYNOLDS HEADS BLDG. TRADES

TERRE HAUTE—Jack Reynolds, business representative of Teamsters Union No. 144, has been installed as president of the Building Trades Council here for the year 1949.

Teamsters (298) On CLU

MICHIGAN CITY—Robert Russell, Harold Gring and Charles Quinn have been elected to represent Teamsters Union No. 298 in the Michigan City Central Labor Union.

use of: The Teamsters Union Shop Card and the Teamsters Union paper stickers and further recommends that the Union Shop Card be displayed in all firms having contractual relations with the Teamsters Unions affiliated with Joint Council 69, if at all possible. Passed unanimously.

By JAMES K. KATZ News From No. 691



Here is the executive board of Teamsters Local 691, Richmond, as the members appeared at the January 30 meeting of Joint Council 69 at Teamsters Hall, Indianapolis.

Seated (left to right): James K. Katz, secretary-treasurer; Wayne Watkins, president; William Dargie, vice-president. Standing: Glen Crawford, trustee; James Fisher, recording secretary; Orville Hahn and Byron Steele, trustees.

We have signed a contract with the National Container Corp. of Aurora; also with W. P. Wolfal Co. at Rushville.

Contract settled at L. & L. Cooperage at Lawrenceburg.

Contracts are open with: International Furniture Co. of Rushville, Bursley and Co. of Richmond, and 12 construction companies.

Strike notice filed against Peoples Coal Co. of Lawrenceburg—wage dispute.

Brother Fred Wilson, of Schenley's, reports the birth of a daughter. Where are the cigars, Fred?

James Fisher, Assistant Business Agent of Local 691, is in the process of transferring dock and warehouse workers at the Porcelain Steel Corp., Connersville, from Federal Labor Union to Teamsters Local 691.

Brother Ed Combs of Bunzendahl Construction Co., Connersville, was in the hospital after receiving 15,000 volts of electricity while unloading concrete at the new hospital.

What, no trouble at Omar?

Too Much Mustard! So Parrot Kicks Off In Mayflower Van

By SWEDE CARLBOM

Last summer I moved an elderly, charming lady's household goods from New York to Los Angeles. The lady had a parrot, which she was worried about how to transport. I offered to take the parrot in my cab. The lady supplied a paper sack with sunflower seeds for feed.

The parrot's name was Clara, not Polly. Clara spent most of the time sitting on top my bunk. I taught her to call me "Swede." I fed her seeds twice daily. She drank water out of a tin cup.

One night, at dinner, I thought of Clara sitting out there in the cab alone, just eating dry seeds. I wanted to treat her to something more appetizing. I brought her a lunch of mince meat pie and a hot dog sandwich, both of which she gobbled down with relish.

The following morning I found her lying on the seat, feet up, groaning and looking cross-eyed. A case of acute indigestion.

Frantically I rushed to a drugstore and got some Alka Seltzer tablets, made her eat a couple and forced gulps of water into her. The tablets, evidently, had an atomic effect within her.

Clara let out a terrifying screech, exploded like a firecracker and took off within the cab with a terrific speed, feathers a-flying, butting her head against the windows. She finally landed on top my bunk mattress, feet up. I tried to comfort her but she only gave me a piteous look, closed her eyes and to my great grief passed onto "Parrot Heaven."

I put Clara into a shoe box and at my destination told my lady shipper about Clara's fatal mishap. The lady felt, of course, very sad, but said I meant well with the pie and hot dog. She asked if Clara said anything before she passed away. I told the lady she did, that just before she closed her eyes for eternal sleep, Clara turned her head towards me and said: "You louse, I told you not to put mustard on that hot dog."

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sters Local Union No. 188, and C. E. Davis, president of said Local, to represent us in collective bargaining, with the said Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co.

The Union states the company refused to recognize Local Union No. 188, as a bargaining agent.

By the company refusing to do so, we left our jobs to carry a picket sign in front of the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co., located at the above stated address, and we were informed prior to

leaving our jobs, by the foreman, Mr. Denny, of the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co., that they would discharge immediately anyone having any dealings with the Union.

We further note, and state such, that several other employees of the Banquet Ice Cream and Milk Co., have signed authorization cards for the Union, and through the threat of the company to discharge employees for union activities, said employees have continued to work because of this fear.

OLIVER SAVAGE DRIVER OF YEAR

Indiana Drive of the Year, by designation under the sponsorship of the Indiana Motor Truck Association, is —Oliver Savage, of Teamsters Local 215, Evansville.

Competing with six other drivers who during 1948 won recognition as "Driver of the Month," Savage was selected by a committee of judges including Capt. Harry Sutherland, staff captain, Indiana State Police Traffic Accident Department; Howard E. Fairweather, Indianapolis district



OLIVER SAVAGE

supervisor, Interstate Commerce Commission, Bureau of Motor Carriers, and Herschel A. Holloper, transportation director, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce.

Savage has been driving for the Evansville terminal of Columbia Transportation Service since 1940 without accident.

Selection as "Indiana Driver of the Year" entitled Savage to be nominated as Indiana's representative in the national "Driver of the Year" contest conducted annually by the American Trucking Associations, Inc., Washington, D. C.

Mr. Savage is 35, has a wife and two children, and recently purchased a plot of land on R. R. 4, Mill Road, Evansville, where he built temporary quarters until he can build his "dream" house. He has been driving trucks since 1937.

The judges stated their selection mainly was influenced by the fact that Mr. Savage's record indicated he not only has been keeping his own safety record clean but that day after day he constantly has been displaying leadership in promoting safety among the other drivers at his terminal. For that reason, they said, it would be impossible to estimate how many lives may have been saved or how many accidents prevented through this drivers' influence, but that his is the kind of leadership and initiative needed to drastically reduce the accident rate on our highways.

"He is keeping the faith with the plea of Ed J. Buhner, chairman of the board of ATA, that the nation's truck drivers take the lead in promoting safe and courteous driving," Mr. Fairweather added.

Mr. Savage previously had been named Indiana "Driver of the Month" for June, 1948. His citation then, submitted by B. T. Hundley, safety director for Columbia Transportation Service, Inc., and on which his selection as state Driver of the Year was based, read:

"Mr. Savage has been driving a straight truck on local and rural delivery in the service of this company since February, 1940, and has rolled up a total of about 300,000 miles without an accident of any kind during that period. His maintenance record also has been outstanding. The equipment he drives receives the very best of care and is always driven without any abuse or rough treatment.

"He is the oldest driver in our Evansville terminal and is so highly regarded by the other drivers that he has become their leader and is consistently talking and preaching safety to all of them. As a result, the safety record of

In selecting the driver of the month in each state, the following things may be taken into consideration:

1. Outstanding deed of heroism in the saving of life on the highway.
2. Outstanding acts of courtesy on the highway.
3. Outstanding contribution to highway safety.
4. Long record for courteous and safe driving.

A driver, to be eligible for the award, also must have an accident-free driving record for the 12 months immediately prior to date of his nomination for driver-of-the-month award.

Anyone is eligible to place the name of a professional driver is nomination—company newspaper, public official or law officer, civic organization, or individual.

All nominations of Indiana drivers for the honor should be sent to Indiana Motor Truck Association, Inc., 701-703 Roosevelt Building, Indianapolis 4, Ind. Your nominee may win national recognition.

all our Evansville drivers is very high.

"We feel Mr. Savage's record speaks for itself as an outstanding driver who unassumingly does his job well day in and day out, year after year."

Indiana driver-of-the-month award winners for 1948, in addition to Mr. Savage, included:

Charles Fink, Indianapolis driver for Foster Freight Lines, Inc. Odell Lackey, McLain Trucking, Inc., Muncie.

Charles Goins, Indianapolis driver for Trucking, Inc.

Bill Gannon, Marion, driver for Commercial Motor Freight, Inc. of Indiana.

Edgar Grant, of Onward, driver for Courier Express, Inc., of Logansport.

Harold Mills, Indianapolis, driver for Federal Express, Inc.

This was the first time a driver-of-the-year award was authorized at the state level.

Last year Verl Langford of Buena Vista, Colo., was named National Driver of the Year, for which he received a tour of Washington, D. C. and personal introduction to the President of the United States.

\$1300 Reward For Evansville Taxi Murderer

The reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murdered of Iver Shrode, Yellow Taxi Co. employee, was boosted another \$100 this week. The Teamster Joint Council of Southern Indiana, composed of unions in Vincennes and Princeton and three locals in Evansville raised the total award to \$1300.

Previously both the Yellow Cab Co. and Taxi Drivers Local No. 11 offered an initial reward of \$500. Later \$200 was voted by CLU delegates from American Federation of Labor Unions.

Police are anxious to hear from any persons with clues leading to the solution of the mystery slaying of the taxi cab driver almost a month ago.

Second Annual Truck Rodeo For Evansville

EVANSVILLE—The second annual Truck Rodeo, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will be held here June 4 and 5, it is announced.

Clyde Birdsong, president of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215, has been named chairman of the awards committee and Robert Stough, member of Local 215, chairman of the parade which will open the rodeo.

Other committee chairmen are: Norbert W. Roser, Hancock Truck Lines, general chairman; Jesse Dunville, recording; Robert Maxedon, operations judging; Wendell Lindsey, course stewards; Gilbert Gehlsausen, finance; C. H. Jones, grounds; Augie Van De-

69 Mayflower Men Cited as Safe Drivers

Sixty-nine drivers for the Aero Mayflower Transit Co. are wearing lapel pins, showing the number of years they have driven for the company without a chargeable accident. All are members of Teamsters Local 193, Indianapolis.

Years of accident-free driving shown on the pins range upward from one year, the highest scores being displayed by Elmer G. Servies, whose pin proves he has a clean slate of 12 years, and Dale C. Smith with a record of 11 years.

The pin given to Luther P. Jones bears the numeral 9, meaning that many years of no hits or errors, while John H. Hinkle has a badge for eight years; and Donald Mundy and Bruce D. Baker for seven years each.

Six-years pins are being worn by Sidney H. Adams, Foster D. Owens, George Leatham, Gerald R. Beaver, Thomas R. Wright and Hurshel Wethington; and five-year pins by Robert D. Edwards, Jewel J. Newgent, Elijah A. Davis and Richard Loud.

The four-year emblem wearers are Theodore G. Hamilton, Robert F. Mercer, August A. Wolf, Everett C. Murray and William F. Pinegar; and the three-year are Lloyd B. Clark, George L. Jones, Wayne C. Pullum, Lawrence W. Boyd and Robert Heuson.

Two-year — Joseph I. Allee, Winfield Connelly, Dale E. Pike, Arthur G. Wolff, Emert W. Bailey, Frank W. Dale, Robert Flory, Russell Y. Lam, Warren E. Lankford, Louis Lyle, Emilio N. Regalli, James H. Runyon, Charles L. Ditsworth, Kenneth A. Brown, John Abbott Howard, James Rusk and George Grant.

One-year — Vernon N. Austin, John D. Boebinger, John Crews, Wilmer A. Darnell, Elmer R. Fordice, Richard K. Fortner, John D. Huff, Fred L. Miller, Claude McGaughey, Allen R. Boling, Howard J. Brown, David E. Goings, Edgar A. Long, Joe G. Gaines, Walter L. Miles, Harold L. Millbank, Walter L. Myers, Maurice Vaughn, Donald J. Malson, Robert W. Bennett, Floyd C. Gullidge, Orville J. Creason, Leo J. Vint, Ralph C. Whitener, John M. Mote and Cecil W. Fickling.

The 69 Mayflower drivers thus cited now have rolled up a record for safe driving totaling 205 years.

The records were certified by R. J. Magnus, safety director of the Mayflower Co. and the awards made on that certification by the American Trucking Assn., Inc., Washington, D. C.

Certificates are for the four months October, 1948, to January, 1949, inclusive.

Practically all participants in last fall's rodeo were members of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Local No. 215 and top awards went to No. 215 members.

TOTH HEADS LAKE CLU



The Lake County Central Labor Union has elected Steven Toth president. Toth, long a leader of Teamsters in East Chicago and former president of the Indiana State Drivers Council, thanked the delegates for their support and declared that "my office will give wholehearted cooperation with all AFL locals in Lake County. I cordially invite the help and suggestions of everyone in making 1949 a big success for labor. The election and festivities that followed were held in the Gary Labor Temple.

By HARRY HUDSON

Heard and Seen at 716

The following trucking companies have signed agreements with Local Union No. 716 at the construction scale: Carpenter & Sons, Levi Hall, Charles Cantrell, Ernest Hines, Datlich Bros. and T. Martis Trucking Co.

The brick handlers' agreement with the following firms are in the process of being negotiated: E. H. Moorman Trucking Co., H. Linnabury Brick & Tile Co. and the Andrew Morris Co.

The Ice and Coal agreements with the Polar Ice & Fuel Co., Railroad Icing and Broad Ripple Ice Co. are open at this time.

The Indianapolis Contractors Association of Indianapolis, Inc., agreement has been reopened by the union and the association has been notified. A Meeting has been called for February 25, 1949, at 8:00 p. m. for all members working under that agreement. We also have quite a few other firms under contract at the same wage rate as the association and all those members should plan to attend this meeting as most of our agreements expire at the same date as the contractors' agreement.

Brother Hudson is in the market for any fancy gadgets now on the market, and that includes almost anything, he don't draw the line.

There will be notices posted at all firms having contracts with the local union pertaining to the Motor Vehicle Code of the State of Indiana. All truck drivers should read this notice and then use their own judgment, because it affects their livelihood.

Brothers William Schoolcraft of the Capitol Glass Co. paid a welcome surprise visit to the office last week. Brother Schoolcraft has been off the job for some time and we all hope his visit is an indication of his recovery.

Brother Merrill Voorhies of the American Aggregates Corp. is on the sick list and we understand, will be absent about six months. We all wish Brother Voorhies a speedy recovery.

All members of organized labor should patronize firms employing union labor. After all, the fellow operating a sweat shop, is the only person who benefits when union members purchase his merchandise—not his employees. Contact your local union for information on firms having contractual relations with Teamster Union. (Moral: Remember the horseburgers.)

A thought in passing: Wonder how the Indiana bull frogs and Nanny goats feel about the law recently passed against them by our hard-working lawmakers.

LOCKE HEADS BUILDERS

ELKHART—William Locke, trustee of Teamsters Local 364, has been elected president of the Elkhart County Building and Construction Trades Council.

RABANUS ELECTED

FRANKFORT—Glen Rabanus, president of Teamsters Local No. 543, has been elected president of the Clinton County Trades and Labor Council.

Thomson Named Head of T.H. CLU

TERRE HAUTE—Henry Thomson, a member of the Hulman Co. branch of Teamsters Local No. 144 and business representative of the Laundry Workers, has been elected president of the Vigo County Central Labor Union. He succeeds Daniel B. Evans of the Retail Clerks.